Advice regarding non payment of bonus to PSUs

1029. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any advice from Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance to Department of Heavy Industry for non-payment of Statutory bonus to PSUs which cannot generate their own fund;

(b) if so, the names of PSUs where the above advice was followed; and

(c) if not, whether Cycle Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) management was given a special advice to this effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Finance have, on the request of Department of Heavy Industry, agreed to provide Budgetary Support for payment of Bonus to those PSUs which are being provided assistance for salary/wages, including CCIL.

War heads for Agni

1030. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated 21st November, 1995 captioned "Warheads for Agni missile need Government go ahead";

(b) whether it is a fact that the scientists of the Defence Research and Development Organisation have completed the design of the conventional warheads for the "Agni" intermediate range ballistic missile/programme for future development but so far have not received a go ahead on this Agni project despite recent developments of military significance in the neighbourhood; and

(c) if so, what is the present position of "Agni Project"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The news-report is not based on facts and is speculative. 'AGNI' is not a missile system. It is a technology demonstrator project to establish re-entry and related technologies. With its third flight test in Feb. 1994, 'AGNI' project has been successfully completed.

Technology Packages Developed by ERDC

1031. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Technology packages which are developed by the Electronics Research and Development Centre and are available for sale, and what are their respective prices;

(b) whether any further reduction in their selling price is possible;

(c) whether ERDC has stopped manufacturing outdated packages and whether packages of latest configuration are being made; and

(d) in what manner does ERDC keep itself in tune with the latest development in electronics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) ER & DC, Thiruvananthapuram undertakes application oriented research, design and